Houses for middle class and people below poverty line

†1083. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the requirement of houses for the middle class and the people living below poverty line in the cities during the year 2007;

(b) if so, the target fixed by the Central Government for construction of houses in the year 2007; and

(c) the number of projects in respect of which the work is in progress at present alongwith the locations of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) a Technical Group on estimation of Urban Housing Shortage under the Chairmanship of Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Dean, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Member of National Statistical Commission was constituted by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The Group has estimated housing shortage of 24.71 million in urban area of the country as on 2007. The role of the Central Government is that of facilitator through various policy interventions. Government sanctions projects throughout the country under various schemes like, Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY), National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) etc.

Employment Guarantee Scheme for urban areas

†1084. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a scheme to eradicate poverty in urban areas like that of Employment Guarantee Scheme in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) As the

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conditions are different in urban areas compared to rural areas, there is no such proposal.

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation (Centrally-Sponsored) scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied up to 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage em ployment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

New policy for slums

†1085. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to evolve a new policy for slums like Dharavi in Mumbai and many others in a number of cities all over the country;

(b) whether the new approach to slums is part of any new rehabilitation policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. Slum development is a State subject. The State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor in their respective State Plans.

Poverty alleviation under Tenth Plan

1086. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for poverty alleviation in Tenth Plan;

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